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TAGS AFSP, AS
SUBJ: HIRE OF FSS TEMPORARY (RESIDENT) EMPLOYEE

REF CANBERRA 4177

1. REFTEL RELAYED TO DEPT ON JUNE 10 POST'S REQUEST TO EMBASSY FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE LOCAL RESIDENT AMERICAN CITIZEN BY MEANS OF FSS TEMPORARY (RESIDENT) APPOINTMENT LIMITED TO MAXIMUM OF 12 MONTHS, AS TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FOR ECONOMIC SECTION SECRETARY. MRS ROSLYN JUNNER ALLEN, A FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL EMPLOYEE, HAD REQUESTED A 12 MONTH LWOP TO MAKE AN EXTENDED TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND. RS ALLEN LEFT POST AT COB JUNE 4 IN ANNUAL LEAVE STATUS UNTIL JUNE 23; NOW ON LWOP.

2. IN ABSENCE ANY REPLY TO REFTEL, AMCIT CANDIDATE (WHO HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SALARY OF US\$10,084) HAS NOW GIVEN UP WAITING AND HAS FOUND EMPLOYMENT AS TEACHER IN LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT STARTING SALARY OF ABOUT AUSTRALIA \$12,000(US\$14,700).

3. POST, OF COURSE, REGRETS MISSING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE FIRST CLASS TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE. WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO PROCESS NEXT BEST CANDIDATES, BUT FIND AT LEAST ONE OF THEM HAS ALSO FOUND BETTER PAYING EMPLOYMENT IN SIX WEEKS SINCE REFTEL SENT. POST FULLY AWARE THAT AMCITS CANNOT BE HIRED AS FSLE'S, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE WE WISHED ONLY TO UTILIZE AMCIT AS TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT -- AT LOWER SALARY-- SO AS
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